MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : How many of them are out of service now ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : The information is not in my possession. It should be obtained from the respective Departments.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU ; ഇപ്പോൾ എല്ലാപേരും ഇല്ലെങ്കിലും ഉദ്ദേശമായി എത്ര പേർ ഗവണ്മെൻറ സർവീസിലുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : I am not in a position to guess.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know for what reason they were relieved ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : For the simple reason that their services were only temporary.

Preference to Backward communities in appointments.

79. ✻ **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in the matter of appointments, the Public Service Commissioner has given preference to backward communities who are inadequately represented in Public Service and, if so, the nature of such preference ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : Yes. *In the Intermediate Division of the Public Service* the maximum age of recruitment is 28 years in the case of persons belonging to backward communities while in the case of others it is 25. 40 per cent of vacancies in each type of appointment is reserved exclusively for candidates belonging to the inadequately represented communities. This reservation is in addition to what they may get out of 60 per cent. of the appointments which are open to all communities.

In the selective tests held for appointments, special marks are awarded for membership of a brckward community or backward part of a community.

In the Lower Division of the Public Service out of 55 appointments 41 appointments are given to members of backword or inadequately represented communities.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : പബ്ലിക്ക സർവീസിൽ ഏറവും മുന്നണിയിൽ നിൽക്കുന്നതു ഏതെല്ലാം സമുദായക്കാരാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : The only question is that of literacy. The member will find the information in the Travancore Service Recruitment Manual.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : മലയൻമാർ, കാണിക്കാർ മുതലായ ജാതിക്കാർ ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ പിന്നോക്കസമുദായങ്ങളിൽവച്ചു ഏറവും പിന്നോക്കം നിൽക്കുന്നവരാണെന്നുള്ളതു അറിയാമോ?

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DR. G. D. NOKES: I am not prepared to discuss opinions on the subject.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ സമുദായാംഗങ്ങളുടെ അപേക്ഷകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് മെമ്പർ ദയവായി ആലോചിച്ചു വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്യുമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: All applications are considered impartially.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether the Departmental Heads are only to appoint the Service Commissioner's recruits who are out of service, in short vacancies?

DR. G. D. NOKES: No.

Appointments made by the Public Service Commissioner to the lower division.

80. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether appointments by the Public Service Commissioner to the lower division are made on the basis of acting service or according to the serial number of the applicants; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of candidates belonging to the Varnava community, who have been included in the acting list and the divisions to which they respectively belong, as per the Public Service Rules?

DR. G. D. NOKES: (*a*) In the case of long sevice candidates in accordance with Rule 20 and in the case of others in accordance with Rules 40, 41 and 43 of the Pubilc Service Recruitment Rules.

(*b*) No separate statistics are available for the Varnava community.

MR KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : വണ്ണവ സമുദായത്തിലുള്ള അക്കറിംഗ് ലിസ്റ്റിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവർ ഏതെല്ലാം ഡിവിഷനിൽ എത്ര പേരുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The Varnava community in the last census consisted of 161 members only. It is now suggested that there are various other sub-divisions in that community. All of them are included for the purpose of Public Service Recruitment under the heading 'other Hindus'. No separate statistics are maintained for the separate sub-divisions.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : അവരിൽ എത്രപേർ ഇപ്പോൾ സർവീസിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നു എന്നും അവരുടെ ശമ്പളക്രമം എന്താണെന്നും പറയാമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: It is impossible to answer that question without notice.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : പബ്ലിക്കുസർവീസിൽ ലോവർ ഡിവിഷനിലെ അക്കറിംഗ്ലിസ്റ്റിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ നിയമനം കഴിഞ്ഞശേഷമേ പുതുതായി നിയമനം നടത്തുകയുള്ളൂ എന്നു പറയാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

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